RAJYA SABHA

Monday the list April, 2003/1 *Vaisakha,* 1925 *(Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Deaths due to malaria

*421. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total death toll due to malaria in the country during the last three years giving details, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the cases of malaria are on the increase in some States and particularly in the State of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to curb and eradicate malaria in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The total number of deaths due to malaria, State-wise in the country during the last 3 years is given as Statement -I *(See* below).

(b) The overall reported incidence of malaria in the country has declined from 2.09 million cases in 2001 to 1.77 million in 2002. An increase in the number of cases was recorded in Goa, Kerala, Manipur, Orissa, Sikkim, Uttaranchal, West Bengal and Daman and Diu in 2002 as compared to 2001. Orissa recorded a marginal increase of 3505 cases from 454541 cases in 2001 to 458046 cases in 2002.

(c) The strategies for control of malaria are to provide anti-malarial drugs for early treatment through health facilities and community volunteers and integrated vector control which includes indoor residual spray in the high risk pockets in rural areas. Larvicides in urban areas, use of insecticide treated bednets, larvivorous fish and environmental measures. Capacity building and Information Education and Communication *(TEC)* are being given thrust under the programme.

Seven North Eastern States are being given 100% assistance. 100 tribal predominant malaria hardcore districts in 8 States of Andhra Pradesh,

Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan have been covered under World Bank assisted Enhanced Malaria Control Project since September, 1997 which includes 21 districts of Orissa. This assistance includes operational cost of spray wages, supply of synthetic pyrethroids additional resources for IEC and some staff support.

Statement—I

State-wise malaria cases and deaths (2000-2002)

SI. No.	Name of the States/UTs	2000		2001		2002(P*)	
		Malaria Cases	Deaths	Malaria Cases	Deaths	Malaria Cases	Deaths
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	80557	6	57735		35498	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4616S	0	56030	14	41866	0
3.	Assam	84915	.43	95142	122	86993	71
4.	Bihar	9509	2	4108	0	2032	2
5.	Chhattisgarh	359155	63	290666	32	235434	3
6.	Goa	9164	11	12331	12	16818	15
7.	Gujarat	36712	2	81347	19	80983	9
8.	Haryana	l050	0	1202	0	934	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	491	0	349	0	176	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	3045	0	912	0	477	0
11.	Jharkhand	133453	16	130784	21	125229	31
12.	Karnataka	109118	14	197625	21	129306	33
13.	Kerala	2940	9	2289	9	2985	8
14.	Madhya Pradesh	194689	93	1831 18	8)	10365!	24
15.	Maharashtra	81406	40	56043	50	45613	42
16.	Manipur	1064	0	943	5	1268	9
17.	Meghalaya	13699	11	20630	17	17918	36
18.	Mizoram	9059	33	10929	43	6373	20
19.	Nagaland	3443	0	4318	1	3504	0
20.	Orissa	309497	467	454541	305	458046	420

1	2	3	4	3	6	7	8
21-	Punjab	493	I	604	0	263	0
22.	Rajasthan	35973	10	129233	36	68081	6
23.	Sikkim	16	0	31	0	53	2
24.	Tamil Nadu	43053	1	31531	0	27337	0
25.	Tripura	12243	6	18502	9	13322	3
26.	Uttaranchal	2008	0	1196	0	1673	0
27.	Uttar Pradesh	96971	0	94524	15	81018	0
28.	West Bengal	145322	103	145053	191	181272	139
29.	A & N Islands	1002	1	925	1	865	0
30.	Chandigarh	256	0	298	0	157	0
31.	D & N Haveli	2415	0	848	0	493	0
32.	D & Diu	132	0	87	0	173	0
33.	Delhi	2631	0	1484	0	694	0
34.	Lakshadweep	3	0	0	0	8	0
35.	Pondicherry	137	0	106	0	103	0
	GRAND TOTAL	2031790	932	20S5484	1005	1772618	875

(P*) Provisional.

SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, a project, called Enhanced Malaria Control Project, was taken up from September, 1997, with the assistance of the World Bank, under the National Malaria Eradication Programme. As there is the highest number of malaria cases in Orissa, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what were the criteria for the allotment of funds for this purpose, and how much funds were allotted to Orissa? Is the above-mentioned project still continuing?

SHRI A. RAJA : Sir, so far as Orissa is concerned, I agree with the hon. Member that the death rate because of malaria is high in the State of Orissa. As submitted by the hon. Member, the World Bank project is being taken up in the State of Orissa also. The funds for malaria control programme are given on the basis of epidemiological density of the disease. Wherever the density of the disease is reported high, after the findings of the State Government or the Central Government, we are releasing the funds. So far as Orissa is concerned, the Central Government is aware of the density of the epidemic in the State. We released Rs. 1.65 crores as additional funds, and Rs. 53 lakhs for vehicles and other amenities in order to carry out the programme successfully in the State.

Apart from that, average flow of money to all the States, including Orissa, has been given in the answer itself. In the year 2002-03, Rs. 122.43 lakhs had been given to the State of Orissa. I have not received any representation from the State Government that the amount is not sufficient. If any such representation is received from the State Government, we would definitely look into that.

SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Sir, as per the reply given by the hon. Minister, the malaria cases are increasing in Orissa. Also, they are more than 25 per cent of the total malaria cases of the country. It is also reported that 50 per cent of the total deaths, reported because of malaria, are from Orissa. Seeing the gravity of the situation in Orissa, will the Government consider providing 100 per cent assistance, as it is being done in the case of North-Eastern States?

SHRI A. RAJA : Sir, the National Anti-Malaria Programme itself is a Centrally-sponsored scheme. Under the scheme, the entire requirement of the anti-malaria drugs, and for the purpose of prevention, the bed mats, and the large-sized spray, DDT and Maletheon are all being given by the Central Government. If any additional assistance is required by the State, the State Government may forward their requirement to the Central Government. That would definitely be looked into.

SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ: Sir, in Gujarat, in the year 2000, the number of malaria cases reported was 36,000. But, in 2001 and 2002, the number of cases rose to more than double. And, the death rate also increased by ten times in the year 2001. What are the reasons for this? What action is the Government proposing to check this alarming situation?

श्री सभापति : मंत्री जी ने कह दिया कि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से कोई लिखा हुआ नहीं आया। तो क्या करें ? You ask the State Government.

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : मान्यवर, यह सवाल मलेरिया पर है, लेकिन मेरी आपसे एक प्रार्थना है कि आजकल एक बड़ी भयंकर बीमारी "सार्स" के नाम से सारे विश्व में फैली हुई है, जिसने पूरे विश्व में तबाही मचाई हुई हैं – चाइना, हांगकांग, सिंगापुर, मलेशिया आदि में, उसके बारे में आप मुझे हेल्थ मिनिस्टर से एक सवाल पूछने का मौका दें। मान्यवर, यह एक ऐसी बीमारी है जिसका अभी तक कोई ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : आप सीधा क्वेश्चन कीजिए, मौका दे दिया है मैंने। मैं मौका दे रहा हूं, आप सीधा क्वेश्चन करिए।

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : धन्यवाद। सर, मैं सवाल पर आ रहा हूं।

मान्यवर, सरकार ने कहा है कि सारे इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट्स पर हमने मेडिकल टीम बिठाई हुई है और हम एक अंडरटेकिंग लेते हैं जिसमें यह बताया जाता है कि उसे यह बीमारी है या नहीं। लेकिन अभी जो एक केस डिटेक्ट हुआ है ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : कौन सा केस डिटेक्ट हुआ है? मलेरिया का केस डिटेक्ट हुआ है क्या?

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : नहीं, सर मलेरिया का नहीं, "सार्स" का केस डिटेक्ट हुआ है।

श्री सभापति : आप मलेरिया की बात करिए। आप दूसरी बीमारियों को इसमें क्यों ला रहे हैं?

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : सर, इसीलिए मैंने आपसे पहले प्रार्थना की थी कि एक बड़ी सीरियस बीमारी है और उसके बारे में...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : वह ठीक हैं, You should put questions about Malaria only and nothing else.

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : सर, आपने तो मुझे इजाजत दे दी थी।

श्री सभापति : इजाजत दे दी थी तो अब मैं उसे विदड्रा करता हूं।

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Sir, then, I also withdraw my question.

Trade points with China, Myanmar, etc.

*422. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Arunachal Pradesh has requested Government to open trade points with China, Myanmar and other countries;

(b) if so, the details of the request received and whether any other State has such trade points open to other countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the items proposed to be traded and the amount of foreign exchange expected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.